



## Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward

January 28, 1954 - December 15, 2022

Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward, age 68, of Mentor and The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully at her home in Mentor. She was born on January 28, 1954 in Euclid.

Dr. Ward was a lifelong student and educator. She began her career as a Speech and Language Pathologist at Perry Local Schools. Through love of computers and learning, she became the Technology Integrator and finally a School Administrator. After serving Perry Schools for 30 years she went on to receive her Doctorate in Educational Technology and played a key role in the development of Akron University's Educational Technology program. She has touched the lives of so many students of all ages throughout her career. Dr. Ward retired in 2014 with her husband to their second home in The Villages.

Cheryl was a smart and straightforward person with a kind heart. Cheryl's favorite hobbies were relaxing at her home in Florida, reading, playing cards with friends and golfing with her "golf girls" and husband, Bill. She enjoyed most the love and company of her whole family, especially her 6 grandchildren and numerous grand-nephews and nieces. Cheryl was content to spend each day nurturing her grandchildren, reading to them, watching them at all of their sporting activities and being their biggest supporter and cheerleader. She was an empathetic soul who wanted to take care of everyone in the family. Cheryl was treasured by all members of her family but especially the love of her life,

her husband Bill who she met when they were both 16 years old. Their love and devotion to each other, their children and family remain an inspiration of the true love that exists in this world.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years: William C. Ward Jr.; daughters: Alissa (Mark) Miller and Erin (John) Siegel; grandchildren: Maya, Claire and Amelia Helwig and William, Katherine and Colton Siegel; mother: Velma Steingart; sisters: Brenda (Mike) Dey, Barbara (Kevin) Deighan, Susan (Steven) Bissonnette and Joanne (Derek) LaDuke; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews and mother in law: Jean Ward.

Preceding Cheryl in death are her father: Frank Steingart Jr. and father-in-law: William C. Ward Sr.

A private celebration of Cheryl's life will be held at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060.

The family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 or donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Our sincere condolences on the passing Cheryl  
John & Rebecca Stevens*

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**john stevens** - January 12, 2023 at 03:09 PM

AM

“ *Cheryl Ward was my nana she was amazing and a great supporter  
she came to all my soccer games she was amazing I loved her so  
much I just still can't believe that's she passed.*

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**amelia** - January 11, 2023 at 08:49 PM

PB

“ I just recently heard of Mrs. Ward’s passing and my heart was deeply saddened that her family and all the people she had an influence on had lost such an incredible and special human being. This incredible woman had a huge impact on my life and helped me with loving guidance beyond any words can describe. Even to the day of learning of such sad news I had hoped that I would bump into her somewhere, somehow. I wanted to thank her for everything she did to help me be a better person and all the beautiful ways she affected my soul even though it was over a couple decades ago since I had seen her. My parents and immediate family always appreciated her impact on my life and knew she was a special individual who carried an immense amount of unique insight and honest guidance. I know how much she loved her mother, father, husband and kids and I could always feel how important it was to her to put family and truth first. I send my condolences to her entire family because the world undoubtedly lost an absolutely beautiful person but I know her legacy lives on in those who were lucky enough to be a part of her life. Thank you Mrs. Ward for everything you did, you’re now an angle and we’ll meet again someday. I love you.

*Pablo Benz*

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**Pablo Benz** - January 06, 2023 at 08:27 PM

BW

*Thank you Pablo. Mr Ward*

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**Bill Ward** - January 07, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BD

*Beautifully said Pablo- Barb Deighan*

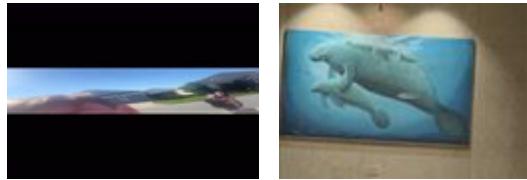
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**Barb Deighan** - January 11, 2023 at 08:35 PM

CL

“ I don't have many photos of when I was with my nana to show memories. Because my mom has all of them also we had a lot of memories from when we were little. I was looking through the memories. And I saw videos of everyone and pictures. But there was one video that seemed the most important to me. It was the one below. I am jelous and angry that I couldn't have another moment down in Florida with my nana. I miss her so much. And I still continually replay that moment in my head when my step dad said “ no, it's Cheryl” and at first I didn't believe him because I had gone over to visit her the day before we left. And when we in the airport I took this picture of the manatees because when we I see them I think of nana. And I miss her... I asked her that same day what do you want for Christmas. She wanted for me to come and stay over and to do crafts with her. And for me to start FaceTiming her more. And I told her “of corse nana, I love favoring with you” and she said “I'm so excited” i really just wish I could see her again.

— Claire



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**claire** - December 31, 2022 at 12:01 AM

BW

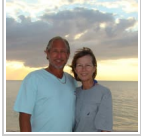
*Nana loved you greatly Claire, as do I. Pop*

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**Bill Ward** - January 07, 2023 at 10:30 AM

BR

“ *How can we do this without you. I miss you!*

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**Brenda** - December 29, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Oh my, I don't believe this, I am so sad for you all, what a beautiful human being she was in all aspects. Please extend our condolences to Bill and the entire family. I hope you will find peace.*  
*Tracy and Geoff Hunter*

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**Geoff Hunter** - December 24, 2022 at 10:21 AM

BD

*Thank you Geoff and Tracy, she will be greatly missed. There is an empty feeling in our hearts but we know she is with our dad.*

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**Brenda Dey** - December 25, 2022 at 06:49 PM

BW

*Thank you Geoff and Tracy. Bill*

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**Bill Ward** - January 07, 2023 at 10:32 AM

KG

“ *Russ and I were so sad to hear of Cheryl's passing. We truly enjoyed our times together when the guys were on the swim team and looked forward to some day actually being in Florida at the same time when we could get together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless*  
*Karen & Russ Gemberling*

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**Karen Gemberling** - December 23, 2022 at 04:27 PM

AL

*Thank you Mrs. Gemberling for the kind words about mom- Alissa*

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**Alissa** - December 23, 2022 at 06:57 PM

BW

*Thank you Karen and Russ. Bill*

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**Bill Ward** - January 07, 2023 at 04:11 PM

DK

“ Sue,

*I'm sad to hear of your sister, Cheryl, passing. I'm sure she will be deeply missed. I will be thinking about you and your family.*

*Debbie Kinkelaar (Powell)*

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**Deborah Kinkelaar** - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SB

*Thank you Debbie! Xoxo*

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**Susan Bissonnette** - December 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *I was very sad to hear of the passing of Cheryl this afternoon. She was such a wonderful and thoughtful person. I want to pass on my deepest condolences to her family.*

*I found one of my favorite photos of her from 8 years ago holding my daughter.*



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**Kelly Davis** - December 22, 2022 at 10:07 PM

SB

*Thank you for sharing! My sister always loved to smooch the babies!!*

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**Susan Bissonnette** - December 23, 2022 at 12:41 PM

AL

*Thank you Kelly!*

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**Alissa** - December 23, 2022 at 02:39 PM

BB

“ I’m so sorry to learn of Cheryl’s passing. My condolences to all her family and friends. We grew up together on our dead end road. They were at the end. Just past their house was woods till you got to the Church of the Brethren. It was perfect. Cheryl and Steingart girls were so much fun to grow up with. We played baseball, kick the can, badminton, games, and played in those woods. Her mother Velma & her sister were great bowlers and softball players so we did that too. I have so many wonderful memories from that time. Cheryl was the leader and responsible one at the time. We were sorry when they moved but fortunately was not far away.

We lost touch eventually over the years but reading about all she accomplished is inspiring. What an impressive career! She was a wonderful person. My love to her Sisters....Blake

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**Blake Brewster** - December 22, 2022 at 08:48 PM

SB

Thank you Blake. She was the leader always! She will be so missed by her family. #forever5

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**Susan Bissonnette** - December 23, 2022 at 12:47 PM

AL

Thank you Blake for the kind words about Mom and sharing the memories growing up! Alissa

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**Alissa** - December 23, 2022 at 02:39 PM

BD

Blake, what wonderful memories you have. She will be missed greatly. There is such an empty feeling in our hearts.

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**Brenda Dey** - December 25, 2022 at 07:10 PM

BR

“ 9 files added to the album Sisters



Brenda - December 20, 2022 at 03:26 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 01:20 PM

BW

Cheryl and Barb inspecting home construction progress Oct 2018

Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM

BW

*Closed*

Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 06:15 PM

BW

*Cheryl sizing things up.*

Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 06:16 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 01:10 PM

BW

*Lot*

Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 12:59 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 12:42 PM

AL

“ Mom loved her new pool in Florida!



alissa - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

BW

I loved seeing her in her pool

Bill Ward - January 07, 2023 at 09:17 PM

AL

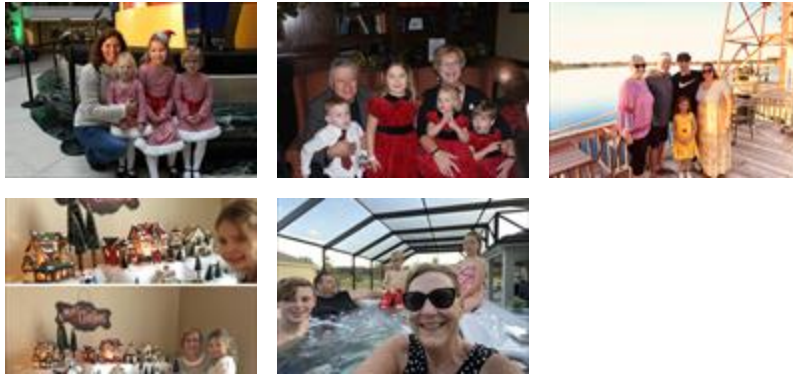
“ Mom at Thanksgiving this year. She just loved her grandkids so much and couldn't wait to bring everyone down to the new pool area. She was so happy.



alissa - December 20, 2022 at 11:33 AM

AL

“ My Mother, Cheryl Ward leaves behind a lasting legacy of greatness, love of family and lived her life in a way that she will forever be remembered by us all. She taught me how to be a mom. She taught me to always strive for the highest level of achievement I was able and aspired to. She taught me that family is the most important above all things in life. She cared so much for all of our family members and was the hub of all family activities. Mom, I promise to continue your legacy the best I can. It is comforting that you passed away peacefully and are no longer in pain. I pray that Grandpa is holding you in his arms as you wait for Dad to join you one day. But he says you still have a lot of work for him to do down her first. I love you Mom ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Alissa



alissa - December 20, 2022 at 11:25 AM

SB

*That's beautiful Alissa! Xoxo*

Susan Bissonnette - December 23, 2022 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ *Deepest condolences to Bill, Alissa, Erin and family. Thinking of you during this tough time. Aunt Cheryl was a wonderful person and such a kind soul. She brought out the best in everyone around her - she will be forever missed.*

*Eric Steingart-Segreto*

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**Eric Steingart-Segreto** - December 20, 2022 at 10:44 AM

BW

*Thank you Eric. Your mom is here taking care of us right now.*

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**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:17 AM

AL

*Eric, your mom is keeping us all fed and clean and picking up the pieces. We are so lucky to have her here with us. She is a true gem.*

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**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:36 AM

IT

“ Cheryl is one of the best colleagues at the University of Akron. She taught in the master program of Instructional Technology with me. Both of us worked very hard to take care of the students in the program, updating the program courses to be certified by the Quality Mater, developing a systematic data collection protocol to better tracking our students progress in the program, writing grants, participating in conferences, and preparing for the accreditation. She was such a great mentor, colleague, and leader in the program to support me in teaching, service, and research. I still remembered that she showed me how to prepare for the courses and shared her examples of advising documents with me. She was always so willing to help and so easy to work with. The best thing I can remember her is her beautiful smiles. She showed me no matter how many difficulties or challenges we may experience in advising students and fighting with some administrative issues, it is always going to be okay. She offered me great support and trust to take the lead of some program activities and always provide advice when I needed it. I am so grateful to have her as a mentor and colleague in my life. She is always in my mind, and I am so used to chatted with her on Facebook and share so many family memories with her and her families. I am very sad to hear that she is not going to interact with me again on Facebook. It is so hard to believe and take it. I really missed the time we both worked together in the program. She is going to be in my prayers and memory as always.  
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I-Chun Tsai - December 19, 2022 at 10:22 PM

BW

*Thank you so much I-Chun. She spoke you and your family often with great joy and respect, smiling. They were treasured times for both me and her.*

**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:12 AM

AL

*Thank you I-Chun. Mom took so much pleasure in her work and was so dedicated. I feel so proud that she touched you in this way. Alissa*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.*



December 19, 2022 at 08:44 PM

AL

“ *1 file added to the album Videos of Mom*



**Alissa** - December 19, 2022 at 06:06 PM

BW

*Chery Lynn, Alissa Lynn, Maya Frances, Claire Noelle, and Amelia Lynn*

**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 04:55 PM

PS

“ *Maria and I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Bill, Alissa, Erin as well as all of Cheryl Lynn's family on her passing. Although my cousin Cheryl Lynn was 5 years older than me and we didn't see each other that often, I always enjoyed her company when we talked. She was the kind of person that made me feel as though she was 100% invested in what I was saying. Attentive and kind, a truly gifted listener who always gave intelligent views. I will miss her, Cousin Paul*

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**Paul Steingart** - December 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

AL

*Paul, mom treasured all of her Canada family. Thank you ❤️*

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**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:39 AM

BW

*Thank you Paul. Wen treasured our visits with family and friends in Canada. Bill*

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**Bill Ward** - January 07, 2023 at 04:22 PM

SK

“ *Brenda - I am so sorry to hear the passing of your sister. Sending prayers, Silvia*

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**Silvia Kruger** - December 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM

BR

*Thank you Silvia, She will be greatly missed.*

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**Brenda** - December 20, 2022 at 03:18 PM

KT

“ *The world was a better place with Cheryl!  
My heart is broken. Cheryl was my mentor. My PhD was 100% a  
result of Cheryl’s inspiration. I am forever grateful.  
Bill, Alyssa and Erin my thoughts and prayers are with you- forever -  
love you Tina Turk*

Kristina Turk - December 18, 2022 at 06:28 PM

BW

*Cheryl loved you and your family Tina.*

Bill Ward - December 20, 2022 at 11:21 AM

AL

*Thank you Mrs. Turk* ❤️

alissa - December 20, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of  
Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.*



December 18, 2022 at 06:28 PM

BC

“ We were very sad to hear of Cheryl’s passing. I have many good memories of her on vacation trips as children to Painesville and later when Cheryl and Bill would come north for cottage visits and golf games. We were very proud of her accomplishments. Her light shone brightly and she was taken much too soon. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to the family, we share your sorrow at this difficult time.

*Brian & Amy Cole*

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**Brian Cole** - December 18, 2022 at 02:24 PM

BW

*We missed you all, but she could not well for the last several years or we would visited Canada.*

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**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:24 AM

AL

*Thank you so much Brian and Amy. She loved coming to visit you ALL so much every year in Canada. ❤️❤️*

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**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM

JL

“ I cannot believe Cheryl is gone. She was a truly wonderful person. I saw Cheryl just a couple months at a restaurant and she came over to give me a hug. I had her oldest daughter Alissa in Kindergarten when I was a teacher. Cheryl was so smart, beautiful and I know how she loved her girls, all her grandchildren, her Bill and I could go on and on. She will be deeply missed.

*Judy Latz*

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**Judy Latz** - December 18, 2022 at 01:08 PM

BW

*We were devastated when you lost family also. Love, Bill*

**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:26 AM

AL

*Mrs. Latz I remember going back and forth between classrooms at the Elementary with mom. She loved her Manchester family! ❤️*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:41 AM

PK

“ *My job as Principal in all buildings for the Perry Schools gave me the opportunity and pleasure to work with Cheryl often. She was the person that was always willing to share with me great ideas or solutions that made my job easier. She was also FUN to work with and willing to do what every was needed to help students enjoy learning. Her ability to know how to use technology to improve learning was shared with all staff members. She will always be remembered as a FANTASTIC educator and person. Thank you Cheryl ... You were Amazing! Dr. Paul Kapostasy*

**Paul Kapostasy** - December 18, 2022 at 12:29 PM

AL

*I love hearing these stories about mom. Thank you so much Paul ❤️*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:42 AM

BR

*Other than FAMILY... my sister loved teaching, and just being an educator. She shared that special gift with so many.*

**Brenda** - December 20, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.



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December 18, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.



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December 18, 2022 at 01:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.



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December 17, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.



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December 17, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.*



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December 17, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn (Steingart) Ward.*



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December 17, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Bill and girls - what a beautifully written obituary that perfectly sums up the Cheryl we knew and loved! Sending so many prayers and much love your way...*

*When I think back over my long friendship with Cheryl, these things come to mind: Sixth Grade with Mr. Cassin, laughing during Church and getting yelled at, attending Camp Zion and meeting boys!, playing softball at Rec Park, JuniorHigh/Senior High with all its trials and tribulations, dating, Kent State, marriage then the “baby carriage”, watching our wonderful children grow into adulthood, late night Samba games and Bill’s bad jokes, beautiful grandchildren, long anticipated retirement, Florida, a night in a Yurt...and on it goes. You were a shining light in my life for over 60 years and an irreplaceable friend...*

*Kathy and Mike Hanes*

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**Kathy Hanes** - December 17, 2022 at 06:22 PM

BW

*You know much we both love you also.*

**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

GH

“ *Cheryl Lynn will never be forgotten. Her love for her family and friends are beyond measure. We shall miss her smile, laugh and generosity. Our love and prayers to those left behind to remember all the good times. Blessings always, Auntie Gail and Uncle Doug.....*

**Gail Sarah Hemphill** - December 17, 2022 at 06:06 PM

AL

*Thanks Auntie Gail. She loved you and uncle Doug!❤️*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:51 AM

BW

*She will also miss you.*

**Bill Ward** - December 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM

SS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers are with the family and my granddaughters she was a big piece of there hearts and I can feel the sadness they are going thru. Much peace and love. She was very kind and a lovely soul R.I.P Cheryl ❤️*



**Susan Sandor** - December 17, 2022 at 05:58 PM

AM

*Thank you gammie I love you so much I really appreciate you caring!!*



**amelia** - December 18, 2022 at 10:16 AM

AL

*Thank you Susie for the kind post. The girls will definitely need your support ❤️*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you Bill. Sorry we won't be able to be there with you. Don and Sandy*

**Sandy McLaren** - December 17, 2022 at 05:02 PM

AL

*Thank you Don and Sandy, she loved her Canada family so much ❤️*

**alissa** - December 20, 2022 at 11:44 AM